

PRIVATE EMERGENCY ALARM SYSTEMS

This is a synopsis of the amendment to Chapter 4, Article 3 and Sections 4-71, 4-72, 4-74, 4-75, 4-76, 4-79 and 4-80 of the Carmel City Code. The complete ordinance is available upon request.

Alarm - An audible or mechanical or electrical signal from a detection system which indicates a disturbance of the detection system or some other activity that requires urgent attention.

The definition of **ALARM** shall not include:

- ❖ An alarm installed on a motor vehicle.
- ❖ A smoke detector not connected to an automatic dialing device.
- ❖ Outside ringer which resets itself automatically after 15 minutes, however if an emergency personnel are routinely dispatched to an active alarm, a permit shall be required.

Any person who violates this section shall be subject to a \$50 fine unless an alarm system permit is obtained before the court date listed on the violation, provided that prior notification has not been given.

An Alarm permit application shall be made within 5 days following installation of the alarm and prior to its operation.

Any activation occurring within 30 days after installment of a new alarm system shall be exempt.

The permit holder, or his/her successor in interest, shall notify the Chief or his designee of the Carmel Police Department, in writing, of any change in the information contained in the permit application within 30 calendar days of the date on which such change occurred. An alarm system permit may be transferred by the permit holder to a subsequent owner or entity in possession or control of the specific property/location for which the permit was originally issued, but is not transferrable between properties or locations.

The permit shall be displayed in a conspicuous manner which is visible to any emergency response personnel. Any person who violates this section shall be subject to a fine of \$50.

The following code (or ordinance) provisions and respective civil penalties are designed for enforcement through the Carmel City Ordinance Violation Bureau:

<i>Code Section</i>	<i>Subject Matter</i>	<i>Civil Penalty</i>
<u>4-77</u>	Third False Alarm in calendar year	\$25
<u>4-77</u>	Fourth False Alarm in calendar year	\$50
<u>4-77</u>	Fifth False Alarm in calendar year	\$100
<u>4-77</u>	Sixth and subsequent False Alarms in calendar year	\$250

In addition to the civil penalty for a fifth or subsequent false alarm within a calendar year, an alarm system permit may be subject to suspension or revocation pursuant to conditions and procedures established in [4-75\(c\)](#) of this article once the alarm system has had five false alarms within a calendar year.

It shall be unlawful to use or permit the use of any automatic telephone device or attachment which automatically selects any telephone line leading into the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department Dispatch Center and then transmits any prerecorded message or signal unless specifically approved by the Hamilton County Commissioners.

Any person who violates this section shall be subject to civil penalties not to exceed \$500.

Application Instructions

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY

The alarm permit application must be filled out completely and returned to the Carmel Police Department Records Division, 3 Civic Square, Carmel, IN 46032, prior to operation of your system.

If you prefer to return the application by mail, include your check or money order of \$10 made payable to: Carmel Police Department, (NO CASH, please), with a self-addressed stamped envelope.

The ordinance requires the names and telephone numbers of at least two persons who will respond to the alarm site within 30 minutes when notified by the emergency personnel. These persons **MUST** have access to the premises and be able to deactivate the alarm. It is recommended that the list include more than two people.

The cost of the permit is \$10.00.

Instructions for Displaying the Permit

Place the permit on the inside of the building near an entrance. The permit should be visible to approaching emergency response personnel. Apply the permit, which is sticky on the printed side, to a glass surface, e.g., the glass in the door or a window nearby. If you have a dark color window covering or door, please place a white covering on the backside of the permit sticker so the permit number is visible from the outside.